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KELLY JOHNSON SENDS

PARAGRAPH THREE OF REFERENCE STATES THAT ACCIDENT BOARD CONCLUDED THAT MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT WAS HARD OVER AUTOPILOT SIGNAL. I SHOULD STATE THAT FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS ALL LAC AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DESIGNED SO THAT THE PILOT CAN READILY OVERPOWER THE AUTOPILOT IN ALL OUR AIRCRAFT, SHOULD A HARD OVER DEVELOP. OUR TESTS ON THE U-2 WERE RUN IN A MANNER TO PROVE THIS. THEREFORE I DISAGREE WITH THE ACCIDENT BOARD CONCLUSION.

END OF MESSAGE

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